



Beginning Friday,

Jan. 24

RESIGNATION OF DR. BURT.

Middlebury College Loses Professor of Natural History.

Dr. Edward A. Burt, professor of Natural History in Middlebury college since 1895, has tendered his resignation to take effect at the close of the present college year.

Professor Burt has been appointed mycologist on the research staff of the Missouri Botanical Garden, affiliated with Washington University, St. Louis, Mo., and he is to assume his duties there next September.

The Missouri Botanical Garden was founded in 1885 by Henry Shaw, a wealthy resident of St. Louis, who, after consultation with Prof. Asa Gray of Harvard and Sir Joseph Hooker of Kew Gardens and Kew Herbarium, England, endowed it with the bulk of his fortune under a broad plan which should make it ultimately one of the leading botanical institutions of the world. The present resources and activities of the Garden are based on an annual income of about \$130,000 yearly from rentals and large buildings of unimproved city real estate. These activities include:

1. The botanic garden proper, consisting of 64 acres of land on which are grown 10,000 species of flowering plants and about 1,100 species of the plants of Missouri. This area has greenhouses and contains little lakes and groves and is planned and arranged as a beautiful park. It is open to the public on week days.

2. The herbarium of 700,000 sheets of botanical specimens.

3. The library of about 60,000 books and pamphlets, wholly botanical, indexed by a card index of 800,000 entries. About 1500 current botanical serials are received by this library.

4. The laboratories for the research staff and for the botanical instruction of the students of Washington University. Under the arrangement with the University, the Garden provides at its own expense botanical instruction for the classes of the University and the botanical instructors are included in the faculty of Washington University.

Farmers' Institute.

Another Addison County Farmers' institute, similar to that held a year ago under the auspices of the Addison County Agricultural society and Middlebury college, will be held this year. The Bureau of Animal Industry of the United States Department of Agriculture has accepted the invitation of these organizations and fixed upon February 21 and 22 as the dates for the institute.

Dean Joseph L. Hills of the State College of Agriculture has assured the committee in charge that the institution will co-operate in the Addison County Institute and assist in the preparation of the program.

It is expected that in a general way the plan of last year will be followed, viz, meetings in the town hall Friday afternoon and evening, and judging demonstrations at the United States Government farm Saturday.

The program has not been finally arranged, but it is expected that at least four of the government experts who were at the Institute a year ago will be present this year. The men from Washington who assisted at the first Institute were: George M. Rommel, Helmer Rabild, G. Arthur Bell, Edward L. Shaw, and Harry M. Lamont.

Y. M. C. A. Notes.

On Wednesday evening, the ladies' auxiliary of the Y. M. C. A. gave a social to the Y. M. C. A. boys. Between twenty-five and thirty boys were present, also Rev. Bold, Rev. Lancaster and ex-Secretary Moran. A large number of the members of the auxiliary were present. Prof. McFarland gave an excellent talk on "Deep Sea Fishing." Games and tricks were enjoyed and fine refreshments were served.

ADDISON COUNTY COURT.

Louis Purinton Found Not Guilty—Final Adjournment.

The case of the State vs Louis C. Purinton of Starksboro, charged with the killing of Milo Wright at Starksboro in June, 1912, was on trial in the county court when our report was closed last week. This case developed into the record of a family broil between the John Wright family, consisting of John Wright, himself, his wife, Sarah Wright, his son, Milo Wright, his son-in-law, Nixon Thompson, and his daughter, Minnie, wife of Nixon Thompson on the one side and the Purinton family on the other side. For about 13 months Morris Russell and wife had lived on sufferance of both families to the feud in a certain not very valuable house in Starksboro to which the Wrights and the Purintons claimed possession by various conflicting deeds running back for about 40 years. On the day of the unfortunate occurrence the Russells were moving out to other quarters and it transpired in the testimony for the defense that they had engaged the respondent and his brother, Linley J. Purinton and Edwin Purinton, to assist in the removal, and their father, John Purinton, was there taking care of the 11-months old Russell baby. John Purinton was 76 years on his last birthday.

Nixon Thompson, the son-in-law, had gone with hammer and nails to repair a fence near the premises in dispute and his wife had passed the house with him on her way to a nearby berrying lot. In passing the Russell house they discovered that something was happening there and when in the lot they found Milo Wright, the victim. They talked things over with him and the Thompsons came back and halted near a barn at the Russell place. After a short time Nixon sent his wife to her father's house to gather the clan and the result was that John Wright and his son, Milo, and his wife, Sarah, joined the Thompsons at the Russell home and immediately proceeded to take possession of the premises.

This party invaded the premises in a body and took forcible possession, John Wright announcing to his companions that they should go in and throw out the inmates and all who were there, bag and baggage, and that he had \$2000 laid by with which to pay the expenses.

Thompson at once began to assist the Russells to move out; without any request for his assistance on their part, and he threw out several articles of furniture. Finally he threw the old man Purinton from the chair, on which he was sitting holding the Russell baby, to the floor and the infant was thrown to some distance away across the floor. This precipitated the row which resulted in the fatal shooting of Milo Wright.

In the December previous Louis Purinton had been assaulted and knocked down at night and he thought he had reason to believe that the Wrights and Thompsons were at the bottom of that attack upon him. Consequently he armed himself with a revolver for his own protection from them and their supporters. When he found himself attacked by Milo Wright, Nixon Thompson and Mrs. Thompson he drew his revolver and told them it was loaded and that he would shoot if they didn't keep away from him. In the scuffle which followed the weapon was discharged and Milo Wright received his fatal wound.

The respondent took the witness stand in his own defence at 10 o'clock Friday morning and completed his testimony at 3 o'clock on the afternoon of that day.

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